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Report of Main Committee III

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Under rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Conference established Main Committee III as one of its three Main Committees and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see document NPT/CONF.2005/DEC.1):

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty:

(d) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to the inalienable right of all Parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes without discrimination and in conformity with articles I and II:

(i) Articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5;

(ii) Article V;

(e) Other provisions of the Treaty.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality.

Officers of the Committee

2. The Conference elected Ambassador Elisabet Borsiin Bonnier (Sweden) as the Chairman of the Committee; Minister Counsellor Ilir Melo (Albania) and Ambassador Sylvester Rowe (Sierra Leone) served as Vice-Chairmen.

Establishment of subsidiary body 3

3. At its nineteenth plenary meeting, on 18 May 2005, the Conference decided to establish, for the duration of the 2005 Review Conference, a subsidiary body under

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Main Committee III that would focus on other provisions of the Treaty, including article X (see document NPT/CONF.2005/DEC.2). Furthermore, the Conference decided that the subsidiary body would be open-ended, that its meetings would be held in private and that the outcome of its work would be reflected in the report of Main Committee III to the Conference. The subsidiary body was chaired by Ambassador Alfredo Labbe (Chile).

Documents before the Committee

4. The Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Background and conference documents

NPT/CONF.2005/9	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2005/16	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland
NPT/CONF.2005/18	Report of the expert group on multilateral approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle submitted to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency: submitted by the International Atomic Energy Agency
NPT/CONF.2005/23	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Lithuania
NPT/CONF.2005/24	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2005/30	Agenda
NPT/CONF.2005/31	Statement by the President in connection with the adoption of the agenda (item 16)
NPT/CONF.2005/38	Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by the Government of New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2005/39	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Hungary
NPT/CONF.2005/42	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Croatia
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.6	Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by China

NPT/CONF.2005/WP.8	Working paper presented by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned Movement States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.9	Article V, article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12 [Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty]: working paper for submission to Main Committee I and to Main Committee III by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.10	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (Compliance and verification): working paper for submission to Main Committee II by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.11	Articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5 (Cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy): working paper for submission to Main Committee III by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.12	Articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7, especially in their relationship to article III (1), (2) and (4) and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5 (Approaches to the nuclear fuel cycle): working paper for submission to Main Committee III by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.13	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (Physical protection and illicit trafficking): working paper for submission to Main Committee II by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden

NPT/CONF.2005/WP.14	Article III and preambular paragraphs 4 and 5, especially in their relationship to article IV and preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 (export controls): working paper for submission to Main Committee II by Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Hungary, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.15	Multilateral nuclear supply principles of the Zangger Committee: working paper submitted by Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America as members of the Zangger Committee
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.16	Working paper on article X (NPT withdrawal) submitted by Australia and New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.20	Substantive issues to be considered by Main Committee III of the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper presented by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned Movement States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.21	Further measures to be taken for strengthening the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: twenty-one measures for the twenty-first century: working paper submitted by Japan
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.22	Working paper of Japan
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.23	Working paper submitted by Norway
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.25	Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working document submitted by Cuba
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.32	Withdrawal from the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons working paper submitted by Luxembourg on behalf of the European Union

NPT/CONF.2005/WP.33	Multilateral nuclear fuel cycle arrangements: working document submitted by Argentina
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.35	Working paper submitted by Belgium, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Poland and Turkey for consideration at the 2005 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Review Conference
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.42	Views on substantive issues of the 2005 Review Conference: working paper submitted by the Republic of Korea
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.45	Working paper based on the European Union statement for Main Committee III submitted by Luxembourg on behalf of the European Union, the candidate countries, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia and countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.50	Peaceful uses of nuclear energy: working paper submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran for Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.56	Note verbale dated 20 May 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Germany addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.58	Strengthening the implementation of article III of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the United States of America
NPT/CONF.2005/WP.59	Strengthening the implementation of article X of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: working paper submitted by the United States of America

(b) Documents submitted to the Committee

NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/ WP.1	Working paper submitted by the European Union
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/ WP.2	Issue to be considered by Main Committee III: working paper submitted by Nigeria
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/WP.3	Environmental consequences of uranium mining: working paper submitted by Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/WP.4	Working paper for submission to Main Committee III by the Marshall Islands

NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/WP.5	Working paper submitted by Iceland, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/CRP.1	Proposal by Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/CRP.2	Draft report of Main Committee III
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/CRP.3	Egypt subsidiary body to Main Committee III: universality of the Treaty
NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/CRP.4	Draft report of Main Committee III

Work of the Committee

5. The Committee held four meetings and the subsidiary body held two meetings, between 19 and 25 May 2005. An account of the discussion of the public meetings is contained in the relevant summary records (NPT/CONF.2005/MC.III/SR...). After an initial general exchange of views on all issues of concern to Main Committee III, it considered proposals contained in the documents listed in paragraph 4 above.

6. The Main Committee focused on articles III (3) and IV, preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Treaty, and the subsidiary body focused on articles IX and X of the Treaty. No consensus was found.